THE WIDOW'S STRATAGEM. The Widow Brown lived at the end of the stree En a house of her own, song and clean; While in a actim lodging just over the way There resided the Bachalor Green.

Now, Widow B. looked upon Bachelor G. With a heartiff coverious eye, And she said to herself: "To win Mr. G. I must really most earnoutly try."

The backelor he met the widow full oft.

And quite frequently thought, when all r is "That widow would make the most sensible Of all women I ever have known."

But Green was so bashful, he still held alood From the price he was anxious to take; Whilst wondered she still what course to pur-When a raid on his heart she should make

Till the widow one day, in crossing a field, Mot with poor Mr. Green at the sille. Two stood as they rues, one each side of And pleasantly talked for a while,

Now the bachelor foil the occasion was fine To disclose to the widow his mind; Whilst she mentally wowed the capture of Green. Ere the evening sun had declined.

Still they spelce of the neighbors, the crops and the heat. That the subject so close to each heart Neitnes one could approach; seement came on And 'twee time that the couple should part. She mounted the stops and began to descore five be could enough courage command To step bashfully up, and bashfully say: "Mistress B., won't you give me your hand?"

Now here was a chance, and if it should be lost No one know if 'twould happen again; The widow thus reasoned the moment she on the steps, at the end of the lane.

Bo she modestly blushed; then said: "Mr. G., You're so sudden—I mover would guess That you'd sak it of mo—my hand:—goodness Have my hand? O! most certainly-yes?"

Mr. G. was astoniabed on bearing this speech; Still be fest the mistake not amiss. And giarly surrendered—aye, growing so bold At his conquest to seal with a kiss.

Thus 'twas quickly arranged, and Mr. G. spared
The pain of proposing out square,
'Tis years since the wedding—and yet they
are shown
As the model matrimonial pair.
—Detrok Free Press.

HOW HE WAS CURED.

It was not any medial prescription that did the work; his difficulty was be-yond that. It had shown itself in roublesome acute attacks from his boy hood up, and since marriage had settled down into a slow chronic annoyance; but, as I said, he was cured at last. The beginning of the end happened in this

ing just the coxiest time possible one summer afternoon, one on the sofa reading aloud from Pickwick Papers, the ing aloud from Pickwick Papers, the other in an easy chair with her feet on a other in an easy chair with her feet on a divan, knitting and chatting between the lines; for they were old shoolmates, and perfectly at home with each other. We have a line of the control of the lines of the line each other. Mr. Benjamin Russell came in from the office and found them so, insisted that he must put a cushion under each head to make them the very picture of comfort, then seated himself between of cherries and an amusing account of his day's adventures. He did his very prettiest, and that was no small thing. He might have written three volumes "On the Art of Pleasing." added an appendix equal to the original, and still that name. There in dow she say that the property of this name to say that the court for his name to say the left over for his name to say the say that the court for his name to say the say that the court for his name to say the say that the court for his name to say the say that the say that the court for his name to say the say that the say tha them and treated them to a basket the public left over for his own private

And just now there was a particular half suspected the fact, Mr. Benjamin was still very much aware of it; and now that she and Jennie proved to be old friends, and she was at his home for the first time, prettier and saucier than ever, it was policy in him to show that scorn-ful young damsel how much she had "You idiot!" he muttered. "I'm

After the chorries were gone, and he had duly apologized for interrupting "the them (although he knew they would you." fifty times rather have his chat than their

particle of story book nonsense. She would not have wanted him to be an and she did not encourage or apprecibe a sham one, and that was the very heart of her trouble. He was devotion fiself to her in pullic. People said, pityingly, that she didn't seem to appreciate his attention, "and he was so affectionate!" They were afraid his marriant was not so have a second series of the present sincerer way a great deal better.—Woman's Journal.

A Tree of Iron. riage was not so happy as—ending with a sigh and a "poor fellow!" In private, he was not exactly a tyrant; he was simply forgetful of everybody's comfort except his own.

I would not have you think that Mrs. Russell complained. She accepted things as they were and made the best of them, merely wondering to herself a little sometimes if he really was a contemptsametimes if he really was a contempt-ble hypocrite, or if the springs of cour-tesy in him had their source so high up that private life could not affect them, nothing save the high pressure of the public syssight. She could have borne the private indifference better if the pub-lic devotion had not been overdone. She never rulled at matrimony. She did say once, half bitterly—she had been digging in the garden at the time of year when those great white worms turn into beetles, and was crawling a little at the loathsome half-developed things—"Just like marriage, for all the world. They don't live any kind of a life down in the

through their hearts." That was the worst she was over known to may.

She was not blind. She knew just as well as if she had been told that all those evenings when her husband said he had "prinsing basiness with Mr. Darwin—had to wait four hours to see him and then attend to the business afterwards," he had been quietly playing chess with pretty Miss Darwin all the time, while the unconscious pars dreamed of bonds and per cent. When the same thing took bim sway half the evenings in the month, she despised him that he could look her in the face and any, "business." She did not care

about the chess. She had never imagined that when he promised "leaving all others to cleave to her alone" if meant a vow to forego all social priviges; but "It was sneaking make-bee home and, if his mother was there says he was "so sorry that pesky tor-menting business kept him away and left her at home to prose over the mend-ing and never have a good time!" The soft lying was what she did wish be could be broken of. It exasperated her

But, as I said, she never blasphemed marriage because her own had found as many thorns as roses. She knew it was not the State but the people.

If Mr. and Mrs. Grey, over at the corner, believed, as they seemed to, that wedlock on earth was inferno enough to reclude the need of any hereafter, vas only one side of it. There was sweet Mrs. Marshall who made her home a paradise, and whose husband grew deeper in love with her every day of his life with an intense unspeakable loyalty; there were Mr. and Mrs. Hall, who had been married fifteen years and whose honeymoon was still in the first quarter. Mrs. Russell was too sensible to blame the condition, if it did prove uncomfortabio for her. And the discomfort went on.

He came home one noon and found her roasting on every gridiron in her kitchen, in a stifling atmosphere, tired and flushed, with an odor of soups and des-serts about her. Miss Delia was gracefully swinging in a hammock in a conreniently near bay window, and it was on good an occusion to be lost. So, with his habitual company-gallantry and a few extra grains thrown in for spice,

"My darling, it's a shame to have you sweltering in this Nebuchadnezar's furnace on such a flendish day, getting dinner for us brutes. By Jove! I'd rather come home every day and find you sitting in the big rocking chair with a palmleaf fan, and ent a cold crust of bread, on my soul I had." And he lifted a kettle for her by way of emphasis, and left a huge black mark on his clean white vest. After which mishap he betook himself to Delia, still protesting about the cold crust.

And Mrs. Benjamin said a pleasant word, flushed a little redder, and kept up a prodigious thinking. Their guest went away on the evening train. She came down radiant in ultramarine ash ribbons and cheeks that glowed as natural a pink as if it all came from fresh emotions, and not from ten minutes' application of fresh mullein leaves. Mr. Russell went with her, of course, to see that she had a seat, and to get her some oranges and magazines with which to shorten the ride. Mrs. Russell stayed at home to wash the dishes, as any duti-

stared in the greatest astonishment; not a hint of anything else. He opened the kitchen door, perfect order reigned there, not a kettle in sight, no odor of fresh meat, no sign of dinner! He was getting angry. "What is all this blastgetting angry. d business about? Jennie! Jen-n-i-e! ne called, but no answer came. J-c-nn-i-ef' in prolonged indignation as he neared the parlor. "J-a-n-e!" He was very angry, or he would never have used

There in the coolness of the bay-window she sat in the easiest chair, wasting her time. No knitting or mending in her hands, not even a novel, only reason. Miss Delia had said "No" to enormous fan that she was using as if all him once. Mrs. Benjamin more than the leisure of eternity was at her disposal. He was indignant in every nerve.
"Confound it, Jane, what does all this

mean?" he said, sternly.
"I thought you'd like to see me following your advice, she answered, look-

"O, yes," she answered sweetly

the crusts are on the table waiting for He answered her with swear words. reading) he betook himself to the back porch with a cigar and a newspaper. But just as he was going he caught sight of the blue yarn.

"Great Jupiter! why you will tire your and she somehow made him feel as small." fingers over that coarse stuff? I'd rather and mean as a man of 170 pounds avoirwear ragged stockings to the day of my dupois can comfortably feel. She let the death than to have youl I protest I new sensation do its work awhile, then had, dear," and with that he was gone. The smile that tried to come into the wife's face died away in the corners of her lip to a scornful curve. She did not sell had so much grace left in him as to ntend it should, but she had heard a prefer to do penance. He refused every-

great deal of such trash—when other people were listening. He never wasted fenderness on her at any other time.

"He's just an angel!" Delia said, when he was almost out of hearing.

"On tin wheels," her friend added last returns, but he soon recollects himself. He never said to her in so many locatingly; and they went on with the jestingly; and they went on with the reading. But one at least was not thinking of Pickwick.

Mrs. Russell had a great deal of genuine wholesome common reasons and the should like to pull up takes and begin over again, but he acted it. She is not the woman ever to hint cold crusts to him, but all the more his angel, but no more did she want him to ate his devotion. She was so cold he has

A Tree of Iron.

The Iron Palmetto is the greatest work of art in the State House yard. This is a casting wholly of iron, commemorating the death of me of of Caroina's slain, whose names are found in raised letters on two brass tablets at the use. The success of this easting consists in its perfect imitation of the living palmetto—the favorite tree of South Carolina. We had heard of this statuin other places, but had never been able to believe the stories of the flexible leaves bending in the breeze, supposing this phenomenon an optical delusion, but such is really the case. The long, thin leaves of iron, life-like even to the bairlike fibers of the twigs and branches wave tremulously in every sephyr, and the whole tree, painted attistically, has

ground, not a quarter of a life, but once out of it they run the risk of thumping their brains out against a wall, of being eaten by the fowls, or of getting a needle through their hearts." That was the worst she was ever known to may.

FARM AND PERESTDE.

-Encourage the little wrons by buildng suitable boxes for thom. They are

invaluable as insect destroyers. -A correspondent of the N. E. Farmer suggests that employers who have the best welfare of their children at heart will see that no hired man is engage who uses profane or vulgar language.

-House Plants. These sometimes, i is said, cause malaria, the damp each in the pots being the cause of unwhole-someness, but in a well ventilated room one need apprehend no trouble from the presence of house plants.—N. F. Trib-

-President Henry Villard intends, it is said, to build "a warehouse elevator" at each station along the Northern Pa-cific Railway into which farmers can dump and hold their grain "instead of being compelled to place themselves at the mercy of the local merchants who buy wheat at prices fixed by themselves simply because they control the storage capacity of the road."-N. F. Tribunc.

 Chamols skins may be thus cleaused: Rub plenty of soft soap into the leather and put it to soak for two hours in a weak solution of soda and warm water, rub it well till it is clean and rinse it in warm water in which a little soda and soap have been dissolved. Wring it well in a towel and dry quickly, then pull it and brush it till it is perfectly soft.

—For Whitewash.—Slake one peck of lime, and while hot and at the thickness of cream, add a pint of linseed oil and a quarter pound of dissolved glue. Let it stand half a day before using. This, for interior walls, is far superior to simple lime and water. It is also first-rate for out-door work, though expensive. For buildings, fences, etc., slake clean, white, fresh line under water; add a pound of sulphate of zinc to every peek of lime, and half a pound of sait. The addition of yellow cohre will make it a cream color; umber gives it a fawn color, and lampblack a gray shade. These color-ing ingredients are not expensive. The lampblack should be dissolved in vinegar before mixing in .- Indianapolis Journal.

-A convenient article to have in the closet is a bag to keep soiled clothes in. It takes less room than a basket, which is a point to be considered, and then it need not be so unsightly either. Take one breadth of calico a yard and a half long, lay it smoothly on a table, and on it place a piece of white cotton cloth the same width and length; on this lay another breadth of calico; baste these together at the edge, and then bind it all around with braid; shir the top, and in put a piece of wood or a very stiff wire; a flat stick is better, however—a piece of a curtain stick, for instance—so will bear the weight of the clothing. Then on each side, in the calico, cut ong slit, through which the soiled gar ments are to be put; hind the edges of these with braid. A bag made of drab called bound with red braid looks well. Fasten loops of braid to the top to hang is my by N. V. Pool it up by .- N. Y. Post.

Prairie Hay.

During the pioneer days of this county nany of the early settlers who still sur vive had ample opportunity of testing the superior qualities of prairie bay, as compared with timothy, millet, Hungarian, etc. Indeed, for several years wild grasses were the main dependence for that universal and indispensable article In those days every man possess of the slightest thrift or enterprise was sure to have an abundant supply of up-land or bottom grass, or perhaps both, stacked about his premises, preparatory to passing through one of those terrific winters, which of late years are of very rare occurrence. The horses, cattle and sheep which fed

on prairie hay were generally healthles and less liable to diseases, considering the many disadvantages existing in that day, than to stock that enjoy the devices and facilities of to-day for pampering and deceiving, even though they luxuriate on the best of timothy, millet. Honey ian, or clover hay. Having seen the various good results produced by the ex-clusive use of prairie hay, particularly upland or blue-stem. I do not hesitate in pronouncing it far superior to any other kind of prepared grasses. But especially do I recommend and favor the use of prairie hay for horses, inasmuch as it is, in one very important consideration, not the only one, but prominent among the many, namely: almost entirely free from several species of fines, dust and mold. I have seen as good timothy hay, mot hay, Hungarian hay, clover hay, and clover mixed with timothy, which is a very common thing here as elsewhere, per-haps as good as is generally grown, and I have never yet seen a hundred pounds of these named varieties but what were more or less dusty, and not unfrequently musty or moldy. All who have the care and management of horses know how

exceedingly obnoxions and injurious such hay is, and how its natural tendencies to promote various peculiar diseases or ailments; and how the horse with the orthodox sustenance and treatment of to-day, is absolutely subject to the thou-sand and one diseases that were comparatively unknown in the days of prairie hav and pioneer accommodations.

The unnatural, yet at the same time very essential, condition of the surface of the soil, which is required to produce the tame grasses, renders it wholly impossible to have have that will compare myorably with wild hay. Prairie hay. if properly harvested, will retain its orig-inal purity and sweetness for a very great length of time, and contains suffi-cient nutritive and life-sustaining qualities as to render it the hay for horses .--Cor. Germantown Telegraph.

A Hint to Housekeepers. A retail butcher in New York says. "The New York public haven't much discrimination. I often laugh at the foolish way in which people will rash for the most expensive outs. Everybody wants to buy prime rib roasts and porter-house and stroin stocks, with plenty of tenderloin. You can't persuade their that the chuck roast of good beef, which that the chuck roast of good beef, which is from five to eight cents a pound cheaper than the prime cut, is just as good eating. And you couldn't make them believe if you took your affidavit to it, that while the tenderioin may be tender, it is neither as nutritious nor as uley as the round. You have no idea how nearly unanimous is the demand for these particular pieces. We often have difficulty in selling the other portions of the beefs which is just as good, at half the price. Even when we put it down to less than it costs us on the boof, when we have a large stock to carry, we can scarcely sell it. Beef is going to be still higher, and if you'll take a hint from me you can save money by boying chuck roasts of good beef which has been kept ten days in the ice-house, and steaks from the tender side of the round or from the end of the loin. It's just the same with mutton. Everybody wants the rack for broiling. Now, there's only about ten or twelve pounds of rack in the whole sheep, and of course it's dear. We can't give away the neck and end pieces of the ribs sometimes.

The training school for horses intend ed for the Fire Department was formally pened on Thursday, though little was done in educating the animals sent there. The regular course of tuition will probably be begun soon. Manhat-tanville people will have the advantage of seeing how a fire is put out, however are an incident an actual fire may be in their experience. The building selected for the school is in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Tenth avenue. and was formerly an engine-house. It is admirably fitted for the purpose for which it is now intended, and telegraph wires from the Central Office connec with it as with all the stations. It is in charge of an old and tried fireman, who can summon assistance, beyond the two men allotted to him, whenever he wants it, from a fire station a few hundred yards away.

The efficiency of the New York Fire Department largely depends upon the intelligence of its horses. The telegraph apparatus which, at the moment it sounds gong alarming the fireman releases the horses from their stalls, would be of far less use if the animals were not suffic iently trained to spring at once to their places before the engines. The harness is so simple that it is adjusted with a touch, and in two seconds from the time the alarm is given everything is in readiness to draw the engines from the house. But the weight, the noise and the glare of the engine, even supposing the other difficulties to be overcome are enough to frighten the stoutest hearted horse un he has been very thoroughly trained, and it is to provide animals that will neither be rendered incapable of motion terror that the training school has been provided, and on their doing their duty operly millions of property and many

ves often depend. Hitherto the firemen at the differen stations have trained their own horses and that they have done it well is shown by the high reputation that the depart ment enjoys; but there are several ob ections to the old system. It occupi too much time, and gives extra work to men already sufficiently tasked, for in the crowded city thoroughfares it is im-possible to bring 'green' horses to the state of perfection which the Fire Department insists upon without a great outlay of time. In the training stable it is expected that after a comparatively short course of training green horses will be transformed into animals per-fectly capable of acting as though they had been at a hundred fires.

Three teams of green horses arrived at the school yesterday. They were young and somewhat wild, but as far as could be judged, intelligent, and certainly strong and healthy .- N. Y. Sun,

An Indian Dowry.

One of the daughters of Meer Goolam Baba, nawab of Surat, is about to be married at Surat. A correspondent of the Bombay Samachar, writes from Surat that the procession which carried the bride's dowry to the bridegroom's house is worthy of special mention. A number of elephants, horses, carriages and pal-kees led the procession. After them came a number of female servants all in snow-white clothes, each bearing in her hands a covered tray. About fifty youths followed with rose-water decanters of silvers on silver salvers. Then came fivehundred coolies, some with magnificent bedsteads, with curtains, pillows, etc., others with swings, benches, boxes, cupboards of various designs, sofas, chairs, tables, and in short all the paraphernalia of a modern house. These were followed by seventy-five women, each carrying a plate of sweetmeats. One hundred men with cooking utensils brought up the rear. Some of these men carried on their heads basket-loads of lamps, wallshades, chandellers, etc. In fact it was a regular exhibition of domestic goods. A large number of spectators lined the streets to witness the procession.

in Boston, and were greatly struck by the mysteries of the machinery. When the presses were set agoing, one put the query: "Is this all talk?" That was a cruel center-shot - New Haven Register.

-----Two rather prominent New York firms have sent out as drummers several of their most successful women clerks. They have made large sales.—N. Y. Heraid.

A Good Housewife.

A Good Housewife.

The good bousewife, when she is giving her bouse its spring renovating, should bear in mind that the dear homates of her house are more preclaim than many houses, and that their systems need cleane or by purifying the blood, regulating the stomach and bosels to prevent and cure the diseases arising from spring malaria and manna, and she must know that there is nothing that will do it so perfectly and surely as hop Bitters, the purest and beat of medicines—Convord N. H. Patriot.

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